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SUBJ: DATES OF THE SPRING 1976 DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING

THERE FOLLOWS BELOW THE TEXT OF PO/75/151 DATED DECEMBER 29, 1975, CONCERNING DATES FOR THE SPRING 1976 DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE. BEGIN TEXT:

AS INDICATED AT THE DPC MEETING OF 17TH DECEMBER, AN EARLY DECISION WILL HAVE TO BE MADE CONCERNING THE DATE OF THE NEXT DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING IN SPRING 1976. I HAVE SET OUT BELOW SOME OF THE POINTS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE DATES.

2. IN MAY AND JUNE 1976, THE FOLLOWING DATES ARE ALREADY PRE-EMPTED:

5TH/6TH MAY - SHAPEX

20TH/21ST MAY - SPRING COUNCIL MINISTERIAL MEETING IN OSLO

27TH MAY - ASCENSION DAY

6TH/7TH JUNE - WHITSUN.

3. A DATE IN EARLY MAY WOULD NOT BE SUITABLE FOR THE DPC AS THE NATO AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING AND CONTROL SYSTEM (AWACS) REPORT WILL NOT BE READY BEFORE THE SECOND HALF OF MAY. TAKING ACCOUNT OF OTHER COMMITMENTS AND OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS, THE FOLLOWING DATES MIGHT THEREFORE BE CONSIDERED:
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THE WEEK STARTING ON MONDAY, 31ST MAY,
THE WEEK STARTING ON 8TH JUNE, OR
THE WEEK STARTING ON 14TH JUNE.

DURING THAT PERIOD ACCOUNT MIGHT ALSO HAVE TO BE TAKEN OF THE
NPG SPRING MINISTERIAL MEETING; THE DATE AND PLACE OF THAT
MEETING WILL PROBABLY BE DECIDED AT THE HAMBURG NPG MINISTERIAL
MEETING.

4. I SHALL PLACE THIS MATTER ON THE AGENDA OF A MEETING
OF THE DPC EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR.

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